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THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGY. October, 1917. *A Chart of the Psychometric Function* (pp. 465-470): EDWIN G. BORING. *An Improved Method of Using the Telegraphic Reaction Key* (pp. 471-475): HAROLD A. RICHMOND. - The key should be suspended and held by the opposition of the thumb and finger, and released by the opening movement of the thumb and finger. *Some Striking Illusions of Movement of a Single Light on Mountains* (pp. 476-485): JOSEPH PETERSON. - The observation of a distant mountain light on a dark night gave rise to an illusion of movement of the light. The eye-movement, eye-strain theory is favored as an explanation of this autokinetic illusion. *The Biological Significance of the Eye Appendages of Organisms* (pp. 486-496): P. F. SWINDLE. - Eye appendages and their substitutes enable organisms to retain objects in the field of vision when they have been fixated. Slight intrusions in the field of vision improve the visibility of small and distant objects in continued fixations. *Preliminary Note: The Influence of Changes of Illumination upon After-images* (pp. 497-503): L. P. TROLAND. - Both positive and negative changes were employed. The results seem to call for a revision and extension of the Hering theory. *Value vs. Truth as the Criterion in the Teaching of College Philosophy* (pp. 504-507): W. R. WELLS. - Philosophy holds an important place in the education of the college student. The teaching should be expository rather than critical. *The Term Reaction Time Redefined* (pp. 508-518): P. F. SWINDLE. - With the results obtained from a trained cockatoo and our knowledge of a series of color sensations and their reactions the author redefines reaction time as a unitary group of movements. *An Analytic Study of Visual Perceptions* (pp. 519-577): ANNA SOPHIE ROGERS. - Visual perceptions result as a (1) direct response to stimuli; (2) response to kinesthetic and organic sensation, (3) result of imaginal material. There is a progressive change with a growing increase of the latter factors and a decrease of the former. Meaning is loosely correlated with the clearness of the peripheral and central accessories of perception. *Ecstatic Intoxication in Religion* (pp. 578-584): JAMES H. LEUBA. - Drug, rhythmical and psychical intoxications have always played an important part in religious ceremonies. These intoxications are popular not only for the visions they bring, but also for their delightful sensuous quality. *Minor Studies from the Psychological Laboratory of Cornell University. The Weber-Fechner Law and Sanford's Weight Experiment* (pp. 585-588): MYRL COWDRICK. - The study of a large number of results shows that they approach the formula of Fullerton and Cattell; after practise they more nearly approach the

Weber-Fechner Law. *An Example of the Fractionation of Data from the Method of Constant Stimuli for the Two-Point Limen* (pp. 588-596) : L. B. HOISINGTON. *The Effect of Absolute Brightness upon Color Contrast* (pp. 597-607) : RUTH L. CRANE.—Light colors induce contrast colors of greater color valence. *Book Review* (p. 608) : R. M. Wenley, *The Life and Work of George Sylvester Morris*. *Book Notes* (pp. 609-612) : Osias L. Schwartz, *General Types of Superior Men*. Casey Albert Wood, *The Fundus Oculi of Birds, especially as Viewed by the Ophthalmoscope. A Study in Comparative Anatomy and Physiology*. Masaharu Anesaki, *Nichiren, the Buddhist Prophet. Science and Learning in France; with a Survey of Opportunities for American Students in French Universities*. An appreciation by American scholars. Albert H. Buck, *The Growth of Medicine from the Earliest Times to about 1800*. Sanger Brown, II., *The Sex Worship and Symbolism of Primitive Races*. Clement C. J. Webb, *Group Theories of Religion and the Individual*. Louis Henry Jordan, *Comparative Religion; its Adjuncts and Allies*. Clara Endicott Sears, *Gleanings from old Shaker Journals*. W. Tudor Jones, *The Spiritual Ascent of Man*. Stanton Coit, *Is Civilization a Disease?* Hutton Webster, *Rest Days a Study in Early Life and Morality*. T. Harrison Myres, *Bells and Bell Lore; Church Bells of Amounderness and the Archdeaconry of Lancaster*. H. G. F. Spurrell, *Modern Man and his Forerunners; a Short Study of the Human Species Living and Extinct. The Way to Nirvana; six lectures on ancient Buddhism as a disciple of Salvation*. H. F. Stewart, *The Holiness of Pascal*. *Index*.

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NOTES AND NEWS

THE Carnegie Institute of Technology announces the following changes for next year:

Dr. Guy M. Whipple, formerly of the University of Illinois, has been appointed Professor of Applied Psychology and Director of Educational Research. During the past year Dr. Whipple has spent part of his time in Pittsburgh as Acting Director of the Bureau of Salesmanship Research in the absence of Dr. Walter Dill Scott, who has been in Washington since last July as Director of the Committee on Classification of Personnel in the Army. Dr. Whipple will not